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the people so watched, the disease had developed during the two last weeks.

The plague cases among the natives have lately been less numerous, on the whole, and the plan of keeping them apart in the "locations" would seem to have already had good results. On April 10 it is stated that more than 6,000 Kaffirs were accommodated in these "locations."

The quarantine relations of the harbor of Cape Town have been rendered more strict in so far that from April 15 no unvaccinated person is allowed to enter the docks. Furthermore, it has been ordered that troops arriving from other countries shall no longer be landed in Cape Town harbor, but at other ports. The traffic between Cape Town and St. Helena is suspended. On the other hand Cape Town has not been declared as infected, so far as the other ports in South Africa are concerned.

According to a communication of April 17, during the cleaning and disinfection work in almost all the houses in Cape Town in which plague cases have occurred, on taking up the boards a large number of dead rats have been found, which, on being subjected to a bacteriological examination, showed the presence of the plague bacillus. According to a publication of the port authorities 5,446 rats have been killed in the Cape Town docks. In the docks of Port Elizabeth a large number of dead rats, dead from the plague, have been discovered.

QUEENSLAND.—In the week from March 24 to March 30, a case of plague has occurred in the neighborhood of Brisbane.

*Cholera.*

BRITISH EAST INDIA.—In the period from March 31 to April 6, 68 persons have died of cholera, in Calcutta.

Respectfully,

FRANK H. MASON,  
*Consul-General.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Clipping from Berlin Tageblatt translated and forwarded from Consulate-General of the United States.*

BERLIN, GERMANY, *May 20, 1901.*

The children born in Berlin show a considerably lower mortality during the last ten years than those moved here from other parts, whilst the mortality of the population in Berlin shows but a very small deviation from that of the total population. The cause of this is that from the ages of 20 to 60 the mortality of those born outside of Berlin is very much lower, which affects the total results.

HONDURAS.

*Report from La Ceiba—Fruit port.*

LA CEIBA, HONDURAS, *May 22, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report of the transactions at this station for the week ended May 18, 1901.

Four vessels have been inspected and cleared for the United States: May 16, auxiliary schooner *Marie Cooper*, La Penotiere, master; crew, 6; Tampa, Fla.; Steamship *Dudley*, Andersen, master; crew, 18; Mobile, Ala. May 17, steamship *Usk*, Hurry, master; crew, 20; New